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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GILSTRAP ET AL

Examiner

Gary E. Elkins

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 18-25 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>20030702, 20040301</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-9 and 18-28 in the reply filed on 11 March 2005 is acknowledged. Claims 10-17 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oberg et al.

Oberg et al discloses a wheel holding device including a framework 10 and a wheel attachment mechanism 34. The framework of Oberg et al is attached to a stem 22 of a bicycle and is considered capable of being attached to the handlebar stem or handlebar of a bicycle via the clamp 70 which is formed as a single piece clamping mechanism.

4. Claims 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by either Kullen or McMurtrey '758. Each of Kullen and McMurtrey discloses a framework (52; 60, 62, 70, 74, respectively) without a clamping mechanism that comprises interconnected moving parts and a wheel attachment mechanism (10;30, respectively) coupled to the framework and capable of securing a bicycle wheel to the device, i.e. the pack and basket of Kullen and McMurtrey, respectively are capable of carrying a bicycle wheel. No distinction is seen between the wheel

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attachment mechanism as claimed and that shown in either Kullen or McMurtrey as a result of the claimed intended use to carry a bicycle wheel.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-9 and 18-25 are allowed.

Conclusion

The remaining cited prior art is illustrative of the general state of the art.

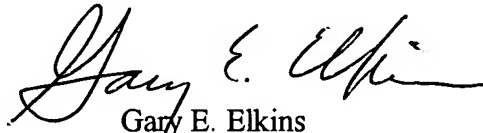
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the Examiner should be directed to Gary Elkins at telephone number (571)272-4537. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Lee Young can be reached at (571)272-4549.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary E. Elkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being the most prominent.

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